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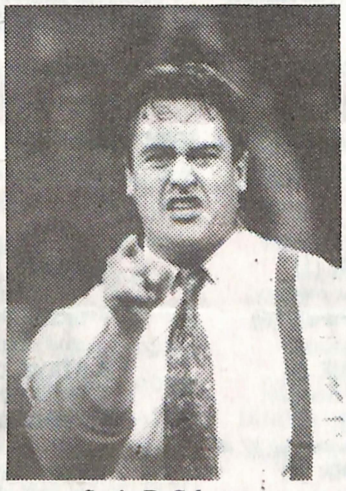
DiBIASE & IRS DOWN LOD FOR WWF TAG TEAM TITLE!

It took two tag teams, a perplexed president, a meddling manager, a vicious valet, and a confused referee, but the six-month WWF World tag team title reign of **The Legion of Doom** has come to an end.

Hawk and **Animal** were upset by the highly unlikely team of **"Million-Dollar" Man" Ted DiBiase** and **Irwin R. Schyster** on February 7 at the Denver Coliseum. The original lineup called from DiBiase and IRS to do battle with **Big Bossman** and **"El Matador" Tito Santana**, with LOD facing **The Natural Disasters** in a title match. But the ring announcer declared that WWF President **Jack Tunney** had declared the Disasters ineligible to wrestle for the title, reportedly because they had received too many recent opportunities.

Of course, Tunney's decision didn't sit too well with the Disasters, nor their manager, **Jimmy Hart**, who launched into a tirade. Hart stated he was tired of the treatment he and his team were getting from the WWF president and vowed that Tunney would be sorry for his actions.

Earthquake and **Typhoon**, obviously distracted and upset by the evening's occurrences, lost their rescheduled match to the makeshift

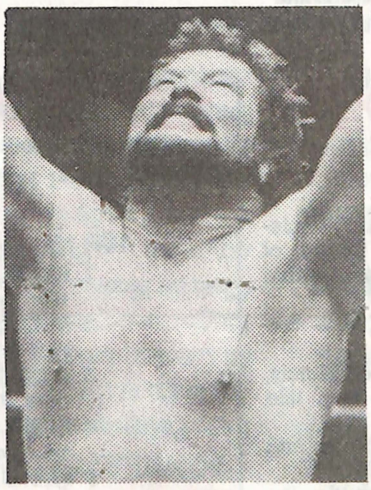


Irwin R. Schyster

team of Bossman and Santana.

However, the sudden change in opponents didn't seem to bother Hawk and Animal, who were in control throughout the match and appeared to be on the verge of successfully defending their title. As Animal held DiBiase aloft, Hawk mounted the top turnbuckle to deliver his flying clothesline finishing maneuver. Sensing a loss, **Sensational Sherri** climbed onto the ring apron, distracting referee **Dave Hebner**.

At this point, Typhoon made good on his manager's prematch threats. With Hebner occupied, Typhoon lumbered out of the dressing room, grabbed a chair, and drilled Hawk in the back.



Ted DiBiase

Her dirty deed accomplished, Sherri scampered back to the dressing room. Hebner turned his attention back to the ring, where DiBiase was pinning a dazed Hawk. Hebner counted the pin and declared DiBiase and IRS the new tag team champions as the Coliseum crowd howled in outrage.

"It was unbelievable," said disgusted fan **Tom Roberts**, who sat at ringside for the card. "There was enough people in the ring to have a battle royal. How could the championship change hands on a blatant rulebreaking incident like that?"

After the announced opponent change, it wouldn't have been unreasonable for LOD to request a non-title match. They had entered the event readying themselves for a battle with The Natural Disasters and were thrown a curveball. But since winning the tag team title from **The Nasty Boys** at SummerSlam '91 on August 26, Hawk and Animal have accepted all challenges and defended their title as frequently as possible. They accepted the change in opponents without complaint.

The wild match does raise some other pertinent points, however. What was the basis for Tunney's sudden ruling declaring Earthquake and Typhoon ineligible? Perhaps their lack of success against LOD was a factor, but they are still one of the most feared tag teams in the WWF.

The upset victory by DiBiase and Schyster will be very important when determining the tag team pairing for WrestleMania VIII. Hawk and Animal are the obvious number-one contenders, but **Hacksaw Duggan** and **Sgt. Slaughter** are undefeated since becoming a tandem. In addition, LOD's hatred for the Disasters is so intense that they reportedly have asked for a match against Earthquake and Typhoon at the annual pay-per-view spectacular.

In other WWF news, former Intercontinental champi-

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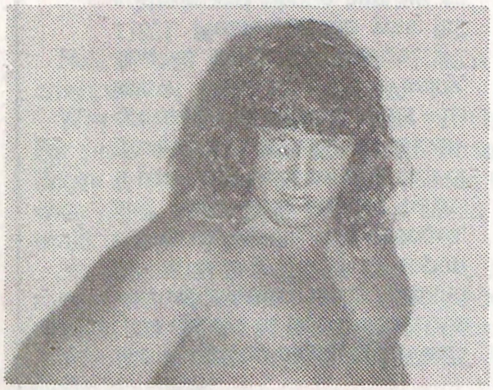
WRESTLER OF THE WEEK



Dr. Tom Prichard

For four months, USWA Texas champion **Dr. Tom Prichard** has been lusting to get at his former partner, Southern champion **Eric Embry**. But Embry reacted to Prichard's challenge the same way he reacted to threat of facing **Jerry Lawler**: Embry avoided Prichard at all costs.

"What a coward!" said Prichard as he prepared to face Embry on February 8 during the live broadcast of *USWA Championship Wrestling* on WMC-TV. "Eric's afraid of me because I beat him for that belt twice before. Each time he got it back, he ripped me off by using outside interference. Well, this time, I've got a little surprise for that fat goof. He's gonna find out he's not the *only* person that can have henchmen around here."

The match turned out to be a typical Embry-Prichard encounter, with their vast hatred on display with every punch and kick delivered. The producers of the television program were at the ready to cut to a commerical at any time, since the previous matches between the former friends have been hideous bloodbaths.

At one point, it appeared that Embry was going to hold on to his title by his usual nefarious means. After battering Embry both inside and outside the ring, Prichard locked Embry in a side headlock in center ring. However, Embry pushed Prichard into referee **Kevin Christian** in a move that was obviously intentional.

With Christian rolling around the canvas in pain, Embry reached into his boot and grabbed his ever-present chain. Embry wrapped the chain around his right fist, clocked Prichard in the face, and tried to revive Christian. However, **Tony Anthony** ran to the ring and tapped Embry on the shoulder. When Embry swung around, Anthony used his own chain to belt Embry. Anthony then rolled Prichard on top of Embry in time for a groggy Christian to make the three-count.

"It wasn't pretty, but I got the job done," said a joyous Prichard as he hugged Anthony in the locker room. "Embry's been using **Tony Falk** to run interference for him. Now, I've got a Tony of my own—Mr. Anthony—to make sure Embry never gets his greasy fingers on my belt again."

MATCH OF THE WEEK

Although he's been ICW champion for more than a year, **Tony Atlas** believed he had something to prove as he went into his title defense against Russian veteran **Nikolai Volkoff** on February 8 in Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

"From now on, I'm doing everything for myself," said Atlas, who shocked IWCCW officials by showing up at the Hamburg Fieldhouse without manager **Tony Rumble**. "I was getting tired of other people getting credit for my success. Now, people are going to know that I'm one of the finest singles champions anywhere—*ever*."

The officials hoped that Atlas' unexpected announcement was a signal that he would give up rulebreaking as well—but it was not to be. From the opening bell, Atlas rocked the 300-pound Russian with fists and kicks, and threw Volkoff from the ring after a few minutes of brutality.

Ironically, chants of "U.S.A." rallied Volkoff to regain his bearings. He used his incredible arm and upper body strength to lock Atlas in a bearhug, making the former Mr. U.S.A. scream in agony. A rake to the eyes by Atlas forced Volkoff to break the hold.

Atlas attempted a series of power moves against Volkoff, but his attempts were thwarted by Volkoff's huge frame. Frustrated, Atlas reached into his trunks and pulled out brass knuckles. It wasn't until after Atlas had belted Volkoff with the knucks several times that referee **Bill Silverman** spotted the infraction and issued a disqualification.

Although Volkoff was the winner, he was livid in the dressing room.

"Atlas calls himself an American?" he asked. "I am a *much* better American than he is, and I wasn't even born here! He's a dirty cheater, and I will show him that his methods do not pay."

YAY & NAY

Let's start off this week with a "yay" to PNW's **C.W. Bergstrom**, who is rapidly becoming one of the area's most popular athletes. During a bout in which nunchakus were placed atop a pole, **Brickhouse Brown** had just forced **John Rambo** to drop the nunchakus when **Col. DeBeers** came out and took them back to the locker room. Bergstrom returned to Brown his hard-earned advantage when he gave Brown a metal bar, which he used to clobber Rambo and pin him.

"Nay" to **Terrence Taylor**, the "Taylor-Made Man," or whatever he's calling himself this week. From "Red Rooster" to "Computerized Man Of The '90s" to this new image, Taylor seems to be groping for any identity that can help him in the ring. Is any of it really helping him? He should just drop his bogus title and concentrate on wrestling. He is, after all, one of the sport's finest technicians. He'll be *respected* as just plain, old Terry Taylor.

From Taylor to a man who appears to be quite comfortable with his new image: **Tito Santana**. As "El Matador," Santana is not only supremely confident, but he's winning. Santana was becoming lost in the WWF shuffle and needed to make a change in order to gain some recognition. One may question his success as a bullfighter, but his success in the ring cannot be questioned. He truly deserves a "yay."

"Nay" to WCW for continuing to sanction the ultra-violent clashes between **Cactus Jack** and **Abdullah the Butcher**. Wrestling is a sport full of violence, but a sport nonetheless. What these two bloodthirsty goons are doing to each other is no sport. If they want to rip each other to shreds, let them do it in some back alley. It's time for new WCW Executive VP **K. Allen Frey** to exercise his authority and put a stop to this.

We have to give the USWA a "yay" for sanctioning all-women battle royals. If **Miss Texas**, **C.J.**, **Dirty White Girl**, and the rest insist on interfering on behalf of their men, then they may as well get in the ring and fight it out themselves. Predictably, these encounters have ended when the men interfere on *their* behalf.

THIS WEEK

February 15-February 21. All dates subject to change. (M) denotes matinee.

Sat/15	Sun/16	Mon/17	Tue/18	Wed/19	Thu/20	Fri/21
PNW: Portland, OR **USWA:** Nashville, TN **WWC:** Caguas, PR **WCW:** Baltimore, MD **WWF:** Scranton, PA (M); Philadelphia, PA; Orlando, FL	**WCW:** Norfolk, VA **WWF:** Auburn Hills, MI (M); Augusta, ME	**NAWA:** Dallas, TX **USWA:** Memphis, TN **WCW:** Rock Hill, SC **WWF:** Tampa, FL	**NAWA:** Dallas, TX **USWA:** Louisville, KY **WWF:** West Palm Beach, FL	**IWCCW:** Monticello, NY **WWF:** Utica, NY; Rockford, IL	**ICWA:** Tampa, FL **WCW:** Dallas, TX **WWF:** Niagara Falls, NY; Stevens Point, WI	**GWF:** Dallas, TX **PNW:** Eugene, OR **WCW:** Ft. Hood, TX **WWF:** Binghamton, NY; Green Bay, WI

THIS WEEK: It could be a bad night for The Dangerous Alliance on Saturday in Baltimore. In most cases, Rick Rude, Steve Austin, Bobby Eaton, and Arn Anderson would be a formidable team—but they're going up against the foursome of Sting, Rick Steamboat, Dustin Rhodes, and Ron Simmons—inside a steel cage! Paul E. Dangerously, however, is sending his men into this rugged battle with supreme confidence. "Cage matches were made for the Alliance," warned Dangerously. "Time to mash some faces!"

- A great matchup with four WWF superstars takes place Saturday in Orlando, as Hulk Hogan teams with Roddy Piper to face World champion Ric Flair and The Undertaker.
- Sting teams with Rick Steamboat to face Rick Rude and Steve Austin Thursday in Dallas—with Paul E. Dangerously handcuffed to El Gigante!
- Koko B. Ware, already a top contender for the USWA title, takes on ICW champion Tony Atlas at "Kutchermania" on Wednesday in Monticello.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

LOUISVILLE, KY: The depths that manager Richard Lee will sink to have no bounds. He helped his Moondogs retain the USWA tag team title when he clobbered Jeff Jarrett with one of the championship belts, knocking him senseless. Lee keeps coming up with new ways to interfere, but his act is old and tired. Here's hoping Jarrett and new partner Jerry Lawler find the resolve to dethrone The Moondogs—and run them and their rule-breaking manager right out of the federation!

—Andy Rodriguez

HAMBURG, PA: There was an aura of nostalgia in the air when 88-year-old Joe McHugh made an appearance as ring announcer for an IWCCW card. McHugh, who has been introducing wrestlers for 70 years, returned to the arena where he once held court as the sport's most popular microphone man. The card had plenty of big-name talent—Nikolai Volkoff, S.D. Jones, junior heavyweight titlist Joe Savoldi, and champion Tony Atlas—but McHugh stole the show. His inimitable style lent a touch of class to the card. McHugh is probably best known for the years he spent with the WWF during the 1960s and '70s, and it stirred the soul to hear him bellow, "and I'm your ring announcer, *Jooooeee* McHugh," one more time.

—Bob Smith

DALLAS, TX: Although he lost as frequently as the Cleveland Indians, Barry Horowitz' nickname was "The Winner." Now, his new moniker may be "The Champion," although some might see fit to call him "The Cheater." Believe it or not, Horowitz defeated Jerry Lynn at the Sportatorium to become the new light heavyweight champion of GWF. Of course, Horowitz got some help from Bruce Prichard, who held Lynn's foot during the pin. I don't see Horowitz holding the title too long. If The Lightning Kid can shut his big mouth for about 10 minutes, he should be able to turn "The Winner" into a loser again.

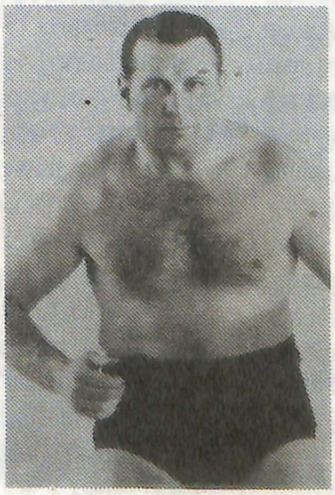
—Chris Bernucca

SEARCY, AR: After what has seemed like an eternity of Starrcades, Royal Rumbles, and Clashes, it was a relief to get away from the glare of the television lights and visit this tiny Bible-belt town. I was looking for that dirt-under-the-fingernails feeling, and I found it at the Fairgrounds. The Continental Wrestling Federation, a fledgling independent out of nearby Jonesboro, presented an action-packed card. It began with veteran Ron Welsh calling the crowd "hicks" and "hillbillies" before putting the hurt on newcomer Ken Diamond. It ended in chaos, as The Atomic Dog brandished a chair and grapplers from both dressing rooms brawled outside the ring. Now, *that's* wrestling.

—Matt Brock

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



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"Wild" Bill Longson, one of the roughest competitors of his era, shocked the sport by capturing the NWA World championship from popular Sandor Szabo in St. Louis. Longson, described as a man who "always fought as if it was his last match," kept a tight grip on the title until October, when he was upended by Yvon Robert in a match in Montreal.

A FAN'S VIEW

Hulk Hogan fans, rejoice! Ric Flair is the new WWF World champion!

Why should Hogan fans be glad that Flair won the title? Simple. For years, wrestling fans have been wondering if Flair could beat Hogan or vice versa. When Flair entered the WWF, their matches were highly anticipated. Finally, it would be decided which man could beat the other.

But the series of matches proved to be inconclusive. Hogan always retained his title by either being counted out or having Flair counted out. Neither man established dominance over the other.

Now, the belt is on the other waist. And now the issue will finally be settled.

Flair is at his best when he is defending the belt. Whether he wins through honorable or dishonorable methods, his desire to leave the ring with the title is paramount.

Hogan, on the other hand, wrestles best when he is trying to regain his lost title. In those bouts, he has an energy and drive to please his Hulkamaniacs that is not evident in his title defenses.

Thus, the stage is set for what we anticipated in the first place: Hulk Hogan vs. Ric Flair. At stake is more than the WWF World title. For both men, it is their place in history.

If Flair wins, he is truly the best. But if Hogan regains the title, there will be no doubt that he is The Man. After all, he will have beaten The Man.

The winner will be remembered as the greatest of all-time. The loser will be remembered as being unable to beat the winner.

—Michael Jenkinson

(The writer is a wrestling fan from Ottawa, Ontario. Send your comments of about 250 words to: A Fan's View, c/o ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly****, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity.)*

TRANSACTIONS

HELD UP: The PNW tag team title, on February 8 in Portland, Oregon. Referee Sandy Barr held up the belts following a best-of-three-falls match pitting champions The Bruise Brothers against Steve Doll and The Grappler.

MOVED: Buddy Landell, to the WWC. Landell was previously heavyweight champion of the Tri-State Wrestling Alliance.

SIGNED: IWCCW tag team The Tasmaniacs, by manager "Dirty Deeds" Darren Wise.

WON: The GWF light heavyweight title, by Barry Horowitz, on February 7 in Dallas, Texas. Horowitz defeated Jerry Lynn to capture the championship.

The Independent Wrestling Association title, by "Maniac" Jimmy Deo, on February 8 in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. Deo defeated Brian Bowser to capture the championship. Earlier on the card, Bowser had defeated The Deadly Dutchman to win the title.

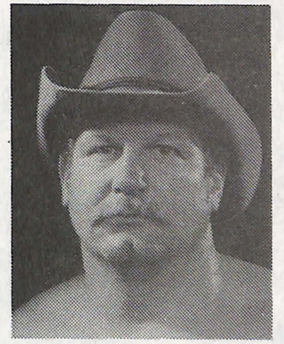
The PNW title, by Steve Doll, on February 7 in Eugene, Oregon. Doll defeated Ron Harris to win the belt.

The SCW junior heavyweight title, by Keith Hart, on February 7 in Rockwood, Tennessee. Hart defeated Shimoto to win the belt.

The USWA Southern title, by Tom Prichard, on February 8 in Memphis. Prichard pinned Eric Embry to capture the belt.

The WWF World tag team title, by Irwin R. Schyster and Ted DiBiase, on February 7 in Denver, Colorado. IRS and DiBiase defeated The Legion of Doom to capture the belts.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT



Stan Hansen

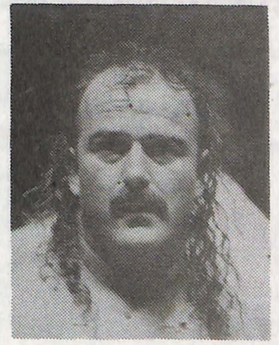
WHO'S HOT

Stan Hansen. Success in Japan seems to come so easily for "The Lariat."

Ron Simmons. In tags or singles, the "All-American" is coming through nightly.

George South. Don't call the "Gorgeous" one a preliminary wrestler anymore.

Robert Fuller. Losing the USWA tag team title hasn't dampened his spirit.



Jake Roberts

WHO'S NOT

Jake Roberts. "The Snake" is getting stepped on—a *lot*—by the "Macho Man."

Richard Morton. Two weeks ago, he was hot. Johnny B. Badd has figured him out.

Sam Houston. Maybe it's just a temporary slump.

Bart Sawyer. Don't have a *clue*, man.

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Most fans remember that Paul Ellering's rule-breaking stable was known as The Legion of Doom. But what was Ellering's *original* stable called?
2. What was the first—and only—singles title won by Sid Vicious (1988)?
3. What team, known as The Hollywood Blonds, captured the Georgia National tag team title (1984)?
4. True or false: Bret Hart has 11 brothers and nine sisters.
5. Who is the host of *South Atlantic Pro Wrestling*?
6. What are the real names of Pacific Northwest tag team champions The Bruise Brothers?
7. Which of the following men has *never* managed Rick Rude: Gary Hart, Percy Pringle, or Paul Jones?
8. What IWCCW star is known as "Mr. Charisma"?
9. What was the name of the tag team Terry Garvin formed with Mark Gullen?
10. What independent star in WIN is known as "The Power"?

ANSWERS

1—Destruction Inc.; 2—CWA title; 3—Rip Rogers & Ted Oates; 4—False; 5—Bob Caudle; 6—Ron & Don Harris; 7—Gary Hart; 8—Chris Candido; 9—Beauty & The Beast; 10—Neil Superior.

RATINGS

For period ended February 10, 1992

TOP 10

1. **RIC FLAIR (1)** — *WWF World champion*
2. **RODDY PIPER (3)** — *WWF I-C champion*
3. **RICK RUDE (2)** — *WCW U.S. champion*
4. **STING (5)** — *No. 1 contender: WCW title*
5. **LEX LUGER (4)** — *WCW World champion*
6. **RANDY SAVAGE (8)** — *No. 2 contender: WWF title*
7. **DARK PATRIOT (10)** — *GWF North American champion*
8. **STEVE DOLL (-)** — *Pacific Northwest champion*
9. **EDDIE GILBERT (7)** — *GWF TV champion*
10. **TOM PRICHARD (5)** — *Southern & Texas champion*

TAG TEAMS

1. **BOBBY EATON & ARN ANDERSON (2)** — *WCW World tag team champions*
2. **IRWIN R. SCHYSTER & TED DIBIASE (-)** — *WWF World tag team champions*
3. **RICK & SCOTT STEINER (4)** — *No. 1 contenders: WCW tag team title*
4. **THE LEGION OF DOOM (1)** — *No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title*
5. **ROD PRICE & JOHN TATUM (5)** — *Global tag team champions*
6. **THE MOONDOGS (6)** — *USWA tag team champions*
7. **SGT. SLAUGHTER & HACKSAW DUGGAN (3)** — *No. 2 contenders: WWF tag team title*
8. **THE NEW FOUNDATION (7)** — *No. 3 contenders: WWF tag team title*
9. **JEFF JARRETT & JERRY LAWLER (-)** — *No. 1 contenders: USWA tag team title*
10. **THE HEARTBREAKERS (-)** — *WWC tag team champions*

WCW

World Champion: LEX LUGER (C)

1—RICK RUDE (1)
2—STING (2)
3—RICK STEAMBOAT (4)
4—TERRENCE TAYLOR (5)
5—STEVE AUSTIN (3)
6—BARRY WINDHAM (-)
7—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER (8)
8—DUSTIN RHODES (10)
9—RON SIMMONS (6)
10—LARRY ZBYSZKO (9)

WWF

World Champion: RIC FLAIR (C)

1—RODDY PIPER (1)
2—RANDY SAVAGE (2)
3—HULK HOGAN (4)
4—SID JUSTICE (5)
5—THE UNDERTAKER (3)
6—THE MOUNTIE (9)
7—BRET HART (6)
8—BIG BOSSMAN (-)
9—SHAWN MICHAELS (10)
10—THE WARLORD (-)

GLOBAL

North American champion: DARK PATRIOT (C)

1—EDDIE GILBERT (1)
2—JERRY LYNN (10)
3—TERRY GARVIN (5)
4—BARRY HOROWITZ (-)
5—SCOTT ANTHONY (-)
6—SCOTT PUTSKI (-)
7—BILLY TRAVIS (3)
8—BLACK BART (6)
9—CHAZ (-)
10—MIKE DAVIS (-)

USWA

USWA Champion: TITLE HELD UP

1—TOM PRICHARD (5)
2—JERRY LAWLER (3)
3—ERIC EMBRY (3)
4—TONY ANTHONY (5)
5—JEFF JARRETT (-)
6—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (7)
7—BART SAWYER (8)
8—DOUG MASTERS (10)
9—KAMALA (1)
10—KOKO B. WARE (2)

PNW

PNW champion: STEVE DOLL (5)

1—RON HARRIS (C)
2—COL. DEBEERS (9)
3—AL MADRIL (-)
4—JESSE BARR (-)
5—BRICKHOUSE BROWN (6)
6—BUDDY ROSE (2)
7—MIKE WINNER (7)
8—JOHN RAMBO (10)
9—THE GRAPPLER (4)
10—MIKE MILLER (8)

IWCCW

IWCCW champion: TONY ATLAS

1—JOE SAVOLDI
2—NIKOLAI VOLKOFF
3—VIC STEAMBOAT
4—TOMMY DREAMER
5—TOMMY NORTON
6—S.D. JONES
7—RAY ODYSSEY
8—MAKO
9—JIMMY DEO
10—NOGA

NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE . . .
Will be delayed by one day due to the observance of President's Day. Our normal schedule will resume with the following issue.

ATLANTA, GA, Sunday, February 9: WCW at The Omni: **Tommy Rich** pinned **Joey Maggs** . . . **Terrence Taylor** pinned **Big Josh** . . . **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **Richard Morton** . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **The Young Pistols** when Scott pinned **Tracey Smothers** following a "Frankensteiner" . . . In a death match, **Barry Windham** was declared the winner over **Larry Zbyszko** by special referee **El Gigante** when **Bobby Eaton, Steve Austin**, and **Arn Anderson** interfered . . . **Sting, Dustin Rhodes**, & **Rick Steamboat** defeated **Rick Rude**, Eaton, and Anderson when Sting pinned Eaton. **Paul E. Dangerously** was tied to **Dustin Rhodes** with a bullrope to prevent interference . . . **Abdullah the Butcher** defeated **Cactus Jack** in an over-the-top lights-out cage match.

—Ed Crawford

LAS VEGAS, NV, Sunday, February 9: WWF at the Thomas and Mack Center: **The Warlord** beat **Chris Walker** . . . **Shawn Michaels** beat **The Silver Shadow** (substituting for **Jimmy Snuka**) . . . **Tito Santana** beat **Ted DiBiase** . . . **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Natural Disasters** by disqualification . . . **Big Bossman** defeated **Irwin R. Schyster** . . .. **The Mountie** beat **Jim Brunzell** . . . **Repo Man** beat **Virgil** . . .

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World champion **Ric Flair** defeated **Roddy Piper** by disqualification.

—David Faber

MANSFIELD, OH, Saturday, February 8: Ohio Championship Wrestling at the Union Hall: **Chris Hawn** beat **Scott Sommers** . . . **Kid Collins** beat **Agony** . . . **The Iron City Bad Boys** & **Dark Man** beat **Jimmy Lee, Mike Adams**, & **T.C. Reynolds** . . . **Shane Douglas** beat **Mike Sharpe** . . . **Ron Cumberledge** beat OCW champion **Charlie Fulton** by disqualification.

—Charles Hipple

CAGUAS, PUERTO RICO, Saturday, February 8: WWC at the Arena: **Bobby Davis** beat **El Exotico** . . . **Sasha** pinned **Vanessa Pine** . . . **El Bronco** pinned **Randy Rhodes** . . . **Carlos Colon** beat **Fidel Sierra** . . . **Buddy Landell** defeated **The Roadblock** . . . **Dick Slater** drew with **Invader I** . . . **The Heartbreakers** beat **Rex King** & **Kevin Von Erich** when Adonis pinned Von Erich.

—Pablo Soto

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, Saturday, February 8: Pro Wrestling America at the American Indian Center: **Larry Cameron** fought heavyweight champion **Charlie Norris** to a double-countout . . . **Brad Rheingans** pinned **Randy Gusto** . . . **Tommy Ferrara** beat **Lightning Kid** by disqualification . . . **Derrick Dukes** defeated **Punisher I** by disqualification . . . **Punisher II** pinned **Red Tyler**.

—Joe Jones

PORTLAND, OR, Saturday, February 8: Pacific Northwest at the Sports Arena: **Col. DeBeers** pinned **C.W. Bergstrom** . . . **Al Madril** pinned **Mike Winner** . . . **Jesse Barr** defeated **Buddy Rose** by disqualification . . . The PNW tag team title was held up following a best-of-three-falls bout pitting **The Bruise Brothers** against **Steve Doll** & **The Grappler**; the third fall ended with a double-pin . . . **Brickhouse Brown** pinned **John Rambo** in a bout in which nunchakus were place atop a pole.

—Kenn Jones

HAMBURG, PA, Saturday, February 8: IWCCW/Independent Wrestling Association TV taping at the Hamburg Field House: **El Diablo** pinned **Damian Stone** following a flying splash from the top turnbuckle . . . **The Mid-Nite Rocker** & **Frank Foracre** defeated **The Sekulski Twins** . . . **Brian Bowser** defeated **The Deadly Dutchman** to win the Independent Wrestling Association heavyweight title . . . **Vic Steamboat** pinned **The Scab** following a sunset flip . . . **"Maniac" Jimmy Deo** pinned **El Diablo** . . . **"Mr. Flex" Tommy Norton** pinned **Eric Fox** following a flying clothesline . . . **Nikolai Volkoff** pinned **Rick Reed** following a clothesline to the back of the head . . . **Jeff Grippley** pinned **The Nomad** with a reverse rollup . . . IWCCW junior heavyweight champion **Joe Savoldi** defeated **Dennis Diamond** with a belly-to-belly suplex . . . **Dr. Johnny Wildside** defeated **Russ Money** with a belly-to-belly suplex . . . **Ray Odyssey** pinned **Chris "The Edge" Evans** after Evans missed with a kneedrop . . . **Vic Steamboat** pinned **The Party Animal** following a savate kick . . . **"Maniac" Jimmy Deo** pinned **Brian Bowser** to win the Independent Wrestling Association title . . . **S.D. Jones** pinned **The Deadly Dutchman** following a headbutt . . . **The Tasmaniacs**, managed by **"Dirty Deeds" Darren Wise**, defeated **Eric Fox** & **Damian Stone** when **Noga** pinned Fox following a belly-to-back suplex . . . **Tyrannosaurus Max** defeated **The Shadow** with a powerslam and pin . . . **"Big" Mark Mast** defeated **The Sekulski Twins** in a handicap match when he bodysplashed and pinned both men at the same time . . . **Dr. Johnny Wildside** pinned **The Mid-Nite Rocker** following a side suplex . . . In a match of managers, **Buster** pinned **David Mesmer** in four seconds when Buster's protege, **Dr. Johnny Wildside**, attacked Mesmer from behind before the bell . . . **Vic Steamboat** pinned **The Deadly Dutchman** following a savate kick . . . Independent Wrestling Association champion **"Maniac" Jimmy Deo** defeated **Tommy Dreamer**, but used outside interference by his manager, **The Creator**, and leverage from the ropes to score the pin . . . **S.D. Jones** & **Joe Savoldi** defeated **"Mr. Flex" Tommy Norton** & **Chris Evans** when Savoldi pinned Evans . . . **The Tasmaniacs** defeated **Ray Odyssey** & **Jeff Grippley** when **Mako** forced Grippley to submit . . . **Nikolai Volkoff** defeated IWCCW champion **Tony Atlas** by disqualification when referee **Bill Silverman** caught Atlas using brass knuckles.

—Burton Crane

LIBERTY, MS, Saturday, February 8: South Atlantic Pro Wrestling at Amite County High School: **Helmut Hesler** pinned **Rusty Riddle** . . . **Bambi** beat **Peggy Lee Leather** . . . **Greg Bobchick** beat **Roughhouse Graham** . . . **Rusty Riddle** beat **Gordon Lambert** . . . **Rusty Riddle** won a "Russian Roulette" battle royal.

—Ted Linfeld

SEARCY, AR, Saturday February 8: Continental Wrestling Federation at the Fairgrounds: **Ron Welsh** pinned **Ken Diamond** . . . **William "The Freezer" Thompson** defeated **"Gorgeous" J.R. Alzado** by disqualification . . . Thompson & **Randy Knight** defeated **Snowman** & **The Atomic Dog** (with manager **Capt. Storm Trooper**) by disqualification.

—John Pasmore

ROCKWOOD, TN, Friday, February 7: Southern Championship Wrestling at the National Guard Armory: **Steve Flynn** pinned **Storm Trooper II** . . . **Keith Hart** won the junior heavyweight title from **Shimoto** . . . **Doug Vines** beat **"Cowboy" Paul Ray** . . . Tag team champions **Chris Powers** & **Keith Hart** defeated **Jeff Anderson** & **Jimmy Golden** . . . **Johnny Raynor** beat **The Assassin** by disqualification . . . SCW champion **Johnny Meadows** beat **The Mongolian Stomper**.

—Bill Needham

JACKSONVILLE, FL, Friday, February 7: WCW at Jacksonville Coliseum: **Terrence Taylor** beat **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** . . . **Johnny B. Badd** beat **Richard Morton** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **"Diamond" Dallas Page** . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Young Pistols** . . . **Abdullah the Butcher** beat **Cactus Jack** . . . **Barry Windham** beat **Larry Zbyszko** in a bullrope match . . . In a cage match, **Sting, Rick Steamboat**, & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Rick Rude, Bobby Eaton**, and **Arn Anderson** when **Sting** pinned Eaton.

—David Faber

DENVER, CO, Friday, February 7: WWF at the Denver Coliseum: **The Warlord** beat **Chris Walker** . . . **Shawn Michaels** beat **Jimmy Snuka** . . . **The Mountie** defeated **Jim Brunzell** (was substituting for **Kerry Von Erich**) . . . **Big Bossman** & **Tito Santana** beat **The Natural Disasters** . . . **Repo Man** beat **Virgil** . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** & **Ted DiBiase** won the World tag team title from **The Legion of Doom** *[see this week's "Cover Story" for more details]* . . . World champion **Ric Flair** beat **Roddy Piper** by disqualification.

—Louis Gagliano

BALTIMORE, MD, Friday, February 7: Wrestling Independent Network at Martin's North Point: Mid-Eastern Wrestling Federation light heavyweight champion **Ricky Blues** pinned **Adrian Hall** . . . **Neil Superior** beat **Rasta the Voodoo Mon** . . . **Little Louie** pinned **Tiger Jackson** . . . **The Cream Team** beat Mid-Atlantic Wrestling Alliance tag team champions **The Lords of Darkness** by disqualification . . . Virginia Wrestling Association champion **Agent Orange** defeated **Morgus the Maniac** after spraying mist in Morgus' eyes . . . **Jeff Collette** pinned **Sledgehammer McGill** . . . **Nikolai Volkoff** beat **The Honky Tonk Man** by disqualification when **Agent Orange** hit Volkoff with Honky's guitar . . . **Tom Brandi** beat **King Kaluha** . . . **Misty Blue Simmes** pinned **Linda Dallas**.

—Timothy A. Walker

DALLAS, TX, Friday, February 7: Global Wrestling Federation TV taping at the Sportatorium: **Jerry Lynn** defeated **Billy Joe Travis** to retain the light heavyweight title . . . **Gary Young** & **Scott Putski** defeated Travis & **Bull Pain** by disqualification . . . **Barry Horowitz** defeated Lynn to win the light heavyweight title . . . **Brute Forcz** defeated **Sam Houston** & **Rattlesnake** . . . **Chaz** pinned **Mike Davis** . . . Tournament involving top 10 contenders, with the winner to receive a North American title match against **Dark Patriot**: First Round: **Eddie Gilbert** pinned Horowitz . . . Scott Putski pinned Sam Houston . . . **Black Bart** pinned Rattlesnake . . . **Terry Garvin** pinned **Bull Pain** . . . **Scott Anthony** pinned Young . . . Second Round: Putski defeated Bart by disqualification . . . Anthony and Garvin battled to a time-limit draw, with Garvin advancing on a coin flip . . . Gilbert defeated Putski . . . Final Round: Gilbert defeated Garvin by countout . . . **Eddie Gilbert** defeated North American champion **The Dark Patriot** by disqualification.

—Freddie Fargo

BROOKHAVEN, MS, Friday, February 7: South Atlantic Pro Wrestling at the Enterprise School: **Helmut Hesler** pinned **Junkyard Dog** . . . **Bambi** pinned **Peggy Lee Leather** . . . **Gordon Lambert** beat **Rusty Riddle** . . . **Greg Bobchick** pinned **Roughhouse Graham** . . . **Greg Bobchick** won a "Russian Roulette" battle royal.

—Ted Linfeld

MIRAMAR, PUERTO RICO, Wednesday, February 5: WWC TV taping at the Naval Base Auditorium: **Fidel Sierra** pinned **Bobby Davis** . . . **Rex King** beat **El Exotico** . . . **Buddy Landell** defeated **Bobby Davis** by submission . . . **The Heartbreakers** drew with **Miguel Perez Jr.** & **Invader I** . . . **Rex King** beat **Heartbreaker Adonis** . . . **Buddy Landell** battled **Miguel Perez Jr.** to a double-countout . . . **Bobby Davis** pinned **Sam Love**.

—Pablo Soto

LOUISVILLE, KY, Tuesday, February 4: USWA at Louisville Gardens: **Tony Falk** beat **Bart Sawyer** . . . Texas champion **Tom Prichard** beat **Doug Masters** . . . **Brian Christopher** defeated **Tony Falk** by disqualification . . . An all girl battle royal with **Miss Texas, C.J., Miss Jennifer**, and **Dirty White Girl** was stopped because of outside interference . . . Southern champion **Eric Embry** was disqualified in his match against **"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony** when **C.J.** threw powder in Anthony's eyes . . . USWA tag team champions **The Moondogs** beat **Jeff Jarrett & Jerry Lawler** when **Spot** pinned Jarrett after manager **Richard Lee** smashed Jarrett with one of the tag team belts.

—Sean Underhill

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on **Bret Hart** has been announced as the opponent for the current I-C titlist, **Roddy Piper**, at WrestleMania VIII, which will be held on April 5 at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. In addition, **Marty Jannetty**, a former member of **The Rockers**, has apparently left the federation.

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Veteran star **Buzz Sawyer**, 32, died on February 7 in Sacramento, California. Sawyer, a wild rulebreaker known as "Mad Dog" throughout his 13-year career, was found unconscious in his apartment by his girlfriend. An ambulance brought him to San Juan Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. A final autopsy report is pending, according to hospital officials.

In 1976, Sawyer finished second in the national high school wrestling championships. He turned pro in 1979, and competed in World Class, WCW, and many regional federations. Famous for his powerslam and violent demeanor—as well as his classic mid-'80s feud with **Tommy Rich**—Sawyer will be remembered as one of the premier competitors of the last decade.

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Besides LOD's upset loss, there are many other new champions. **Steve Doll** defeated **Ron Harris** to win the Pacific Northwest title on February 7 in Eugene, Oregon. Harris had won the belt from **Crush** in a best-of-three-falls match in which brother **Don Harris** switched places with him and pounded Crush with brass knuckles on January 11 in Portland.

Dr. Tom Prichard dethroned **Eric Embry** to win the USWA Southern championship on February 7 in Memphis, Tennessee.

"It feels good to be on top again," Prichard said afterward. "Some of you might think that the newness of winning a title has worn off. Let me tell you, I don't ever get tired of being a champion."

Another improbable title change came in the GWF, when **Barry Horowitz** defeated **Jerry Lynn** at the Sportatorium in Dallas, Texas, to capture the light heavyweight title. Horowitz, who calls himself "The Winner" despite a career record far below .500, used outside interference from former commentator **Bruce Prichard** to grab the title. ☐

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